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Town Officers, 1896=7.

Town Clerk,
WILLIAM H. MEEK.

Treasurer,
WALTER E. JONES.

Selectmen,
WM. ABBOTT, W. L. CHURCH, E. N. JENCKES

Assessors,
I. S. BALCOME, C. R. HILL, BRIGHAM MORSE

Overseers of Poor,
A. F. JONES, E. C. PARKER, W. P. WIGHT

School Committee,
STILLMAN RUSSELL, WILLIAM H. EMERSON,
H. O. LAMSON, VERNON T. ESTEN,
W. E. CARPENTER, SOLOMON F. ROOT,
W. W. BROWN, C. J. BATCHELLER,
M. M. LUTHER.

Town Agent,
ISAAC S. BALCOME.

Auditor,

GEORGE ABBOTT.

Trustees Public Library.

A. D. BOWERS,
C. J. BATCHELLER,
JOHN U. HUBBARD,

A. H. MARSH,
H. O. LAMSON,
W. P. WIGHT,

Constables,

WILLIAM W. BROWN,
JAMES DERMODY,
ARTHUR G. WOODMAN,

ALVIN H. BROWN,
THEODORE F. HALL,
STILLMAN RUSSELL,

Agent Moses Wallis Devise,

EDWIN MOORE.

Appraisers Moses Wallis Devise,

ISAAC S. BALCOME,

WM. H. EMERSON,

BRIGHAM MORSE,

Tax Collector,

EDWARD B. KNAPP.

Road Commissioner,

JOHN M. RAWSON.

List of Jurors.

TO BE ACTED ON MARCH 15, 1897.

Edgar C. Parker,
Aaron F. Jones,
Chauncey R. Hill,
Andrew J. Thayer,
James Dermody,
Francesco Bowen,
Brigham Morse,
John U. Hubbard,
Frank Correll,
Walter E. Parker,

James W. Wixtead,
William Abbott,
Edward B. Knapp,
Isaac S. Balcome,
Henry D. Wallis,
Jesse B. Sweet,
Geo. M. Wallis,
Milton Humes,
A. Fred Marsh,
Stillman Russell,

Herbert N. Logee.

WILLIAM ABBOTT,	} Selectmen of Douglas.
E. N. JENCKES,	
W. L. CHURCH,	

Warrant for Town Meeting.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the
County of Worcester, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in East Douglas in said Douglas, on Monday, the fifteenth day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon; then and there to act on the following articles :

Art. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.—To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Town Agent, six Constables, Tax Collector, Agent and three Appraisers on the Devise of Moses Wallis, three Fence and three Bridge Viewers, all for one year; also one Overseer of the Poor, three School Committee, and two Trustees of the Public Library, for three years.

Art. 3.—To choose all other necessary town officers, and fill any vacancies that may appear.

Art. 4.—To vote on the question : "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year?"

Art. 5.—To hear the annual reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Art. 6.—To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor, of schools, for repairing school houses, repairing highways and bridges, for paying of debts and interest, and contingent expenses the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes for the year 1897, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest, and see if the town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

Art. 9.—To see if the Town will accept the list of names proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, or amend the same by adding thereto or taking therefrom.

Art. 10.—To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of eight dollars each, for their services the ensuing year, no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year ending April 1, 1898, and all fines to be deducted from said amount and covered into the treasury of said company.

Art. 11.—To see what use the town will make of the Dog Fund, so called, the ensuing year.

Art. 12.—To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of schools shall consist and what their compensation shall be.

Art. 13.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Tax Collector the ensuing year for collecting taxes.

Art. 14.—To choose one or more Auditors in accordance with Sec. 1, Chap. 221, of the Laws and Resolves of the year 1888.

Art. 15.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to furnish state aid to disabled soldiers and their families and for any other purpose not included in Art. 6.

Art. 16.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgement ought to be abated, which were assessed in previous years.

Art. 17.—To see if the town will vote to reimburse Nelson Jefferson the amount of taxes paid by him for the years 1895 and 1896, also exempt him from paying any tax the ensuing year.

Art. 18.—To see if the town will vote and raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under provisions of Chap. 189, Sec. 1, of Acts and Resolves of the year 1885.

Art. 19.—To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor the ensuing year.

Art. 20.—To hear the report of all outstanding committees, and act thereon.

Art. 21.—To see if the town will vote to have a suitable number of valuation books printed as taken by the Assessors.

Art. 22.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money with the approbation of the Selectmen to pay all necessary expenses when there is a deficiency in the treasury.

Art. 23.—To see what action the town will take to provide better accommodation for schools or act or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 24.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to enforce the law regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor in the town of Douglas.

Art. 25.—To see if the town will vote to instruct their Selectmen to grant a franchise to the Douglas and Sutton electric railroad.

Art. 26.—To see what disposition the town will make of the license money received for the year 1896.

Art. 27.—To see what action the town will take in relation to the claim of F. J. Libby against the town.

Art. 28.—To see if the town will vote to repair the drain on Main St., and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 29.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair and keep in order the town clock on the Second Congregational Society's meeting-house in East Douglas.

Art. 30.—To see if the town will vote to choose by ballot either a superintendent of highways, townways, and bridges; a highway surveyor; or a road commissioner for the ensuing year and succeeding years.

Art. 31.—The Polls may close at 3 o'clock, p. m.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center, and at the School House in South Douglas, ten days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

WILLIAM ABBOTT,	}	Selectmen of Douglas.
E. N. JENCKES,		
W. L. CHURCH,		

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the town of Douglas, herewith respectfully submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1897,

121 orders have been drawn on the town Treasurer, to the amount of \$15,656.25 for the following purposes :

Highways and Bridges.

A. F. Jones, Supt. of Highways, for repairs on highways,	\$40 73	
John M. Rawson, Supt.	2,537 27	
	<hr/>	\$2,578 00

Schools.

Teachers' salaries, care of rooms, school supplies, and repairs on school houses,	\$5,861 83
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Overseers of Poor.

For support of Poor,	\$3,720 00
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State Aid, Chap. 301.

Arena Chapman,	\$48 00
Lucina P. Sibley,	48 00
Theron H. Barton,	30 00
Wellington Dore,	48 00
Joseph T. Arnold,	42 00
Chandler Titus,	36 00
Thomas Snow,	72 00

Mrs. Henry Cook,	\$48 00	
Laura Balcome,	48 00	
Dighton Goddard,	72 00	
Wm. S. Reynolds,	36 00	
Nathan B. Fisk,	4 00	
Sylvester Chase,	60 00	
George Leach,	48 00	
Charles E. Green,	36 00	
Jacob Blunt,	72 00	
Geo. H. Nichols,	3 00	
James Wilson,	18 00	
Sybil Andrews,	15 00	
Morey McKenney,	20 00	
Wellington H. Balcome,	60 00	
Simon H. Paine,	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$900 00

Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R.

Vote of the Town,	\$150 00
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Fire Company.

Vote of town,	\$320 00	
E. B. Knapp, repairs on engine,	12 81	
Care of engine hall and room,	12 00	
Charles Mercier, for supplies and hose,	145 75	
Charles Mercier, services and expenses,	4 50	
A. F. Jones, coal engine room,	3 25	
A. F. Jones, coal engine room,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$512 31

Soldiers' Aid.

E. L. Sterling, attendance on John Holland,	\$4 00	
E. L. Sterling, attendance on children		
Wm. H. Cook,	15 00	\$19 00

Town Clerks.

Wm. H. Meek,	\$8 05	
C. H. Batcheller,	80 40	\$88 45

Registrars.

George A. Gleason, one year,	\$15 00	
Wm. H. Meek, one year,	15 00	
Charles Mercier, one year,	15 00	
C. H. Batcheller, two years,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$75 00

Election Expenses.

Wm. L. Church, three meetings,	\$7 50	
W. P. Wight, two meetings,	5 00	
Geo. A. Gleeson, one meeting,	2 50	
William Abbott, three meetings,	7 50	
A. G. Woodman, one meeting,	2 50	
W. H. Emerson, three meetings,	7 50	
James Dermody, one meeting,	2 50	
Stillman Russell, one meeting,	2 50	
C. J. Batcheller, two meetings,	5 00	
Printing tally sheets,	3 50	
Fred Place, two meetings,	5 00	
C. H. Batcheller, Clerk of Board of Registrars,	2 50	
E. P. Heath, services Nov. election,	2 50	
W. E. Jones, oil and lamps for hall,	1 23	
	<hr/>	\$57 23

Tax Collector.

E. B. Knapp, for 1895,	\$150 00	
Stillman Russell, 1894,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

Cemetery Addition.

A. F. Jones,	\$150 00	
A. F. Jones,	84 86	
	<hr/>	\$234 86

School Committee.

S. Russell, services, 1896,	\$33 33	
W. W. Brown,	33 33	
S. F. Root,	33 34	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

Purchasing Agent.

S. Russell,	\$25 00
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Town Treasurer.

W. E. Jones,	\$75 00	
Services as sealer of weights and meas.	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$85 00

Selectmen.

Wm Abbott,	\$33 34	
E N. Jenckes,	33 33	
Wm. L. Church,	33 33	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

Cattle Inspectors.

Heath and Dermody, inspecting cattle, hogs, and meat,	\$161 32
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Assessors.

Brigham Morse, services,	\$67 50	
I. S. Balcome, services,	67 00	
C. R. Hill, services,	77 50	
For books and stationery,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$217 50

Truant Officer.

F. F. Young,	\$15 00
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Printing.

C. J. Batcheller, town and school reports, tally sheets, ballots, blanks, etc.	\$101 00
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Sexton.

M. H. Balcome,	\$1 50
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Damage Case.

Mrs. Caleb Hill,	\$250 00
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Miscellaneous.

Dexter Whipple, for rent of land,	\$3 50	
E. Moore, one day as assessor,	2 50	
E. P. Heath, watchman July 4,	2 50	
James Dermody, watchman July 4,	2 50	
A. F. Brown, surveying road, and report,	2 00	
J. C. Hammond, insurance on town property,	48 88	
W. L. Church, mowing town cemetery,	7 00	
S. Russell, watchman July 4,	2 50	
E. B. Knapp, for expense at forest fires,	13 50	
S. Russell, copying and posting warrants,	4 50	
C. J. Batcheller, printing highway blanks,	3 50	
Joseph Bowen, setting glass in town hall,	4 00	
W. E. Jones, postage and stationery,	6 37	
	<hr/>	\$103 25

Recapitulation.

Highways and bridges,	\$2,578 00
Schools,	5,861 83
Overseers of poor,	3,720 00
State aid,	900 00
Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R.	150 00
Fire Company,	512 31
Soldiers' aid,	19 00
Town clerks,	88 45
Registrars,	75 00
Election expenses,	57 23
Collectors of taxes,	300 00
Cemetery addition,	234 86
School committee,	100 00
Purchasing agent,	25 00
Town treasurer,	75 00
Sealer of weights and measures,	10 00
Selectmen,	100 00
Cattle inspectors,	161 32
Assessors,	217 50
Truant officer,	15 00
Damage case,	250 00
Miscellaneous,	103 25
Sexton,	1 50

Printing,

101 00
 ————— \$15,656 25

WILLIAM ABBOTT, } Selectmen
 E. N. JENCKES, } of
 WM. L. CHURCH, } Douglas.

Douglas, March 1, 1897.

Treasurer's Report.

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

		DR.
1896.		
Mar. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$1,414 88
“ 24.	Rec'd from E. B. Knapp, Collector,	75 00
“ 26.	Borrowed from Edwin Moore, on note,	2,000 00
Apr. 1.	Rec'd from John Congdon, $\frac{a}{c}$ butcher's license, 1895,	1 00
“ 3.	A. A. Putnam, Justice.	69 00
	State Treas. $\frac{a}{c}$ corp. tax,	18 67
	E. B. Knapp, Collector,	50 00
“ 21.	Borrowed from Whitinsville Bank,	7,000 00
“ 25.	Rec'd from License flying horses. Mr. Dupont,	10 00
“ 30.	S. Russell, drug. license.	1 00
May 1.	Warren Bathrick & Co, 1st and 4th class license,	1,750 00
	Edw. Genott & Co., 1st and 4th class license,	1,750 00
“ 8.	License flying horses,	18 00
	Geo. Darling, sale of bridge plank,	3 00
“ 12.	State Treas., support state paupers,	67 56
June 1.	Auctioneer's license,	2 00
“ 22.	E. B. Knapp, Collector,	100 00
“ 28.	John Congdon, butcher's lic- ense, 1896,	1 00
July 6.	State Treasurer, support state paupers,	260 98
	A. A. Putnam, Justice.	59 89

July 10.	Rec'd from T. J. Murphy, butchers' license, 1896,	\$1 00
" 30.	E. B. Knapp, Collector,	5,700 00
Aug. 20.	E. B. Knapp, Collector,	2,400 00
Sep. 29.	E. B. Knapp, Collector,	238 19
	State Treas., $\frac{a}{c}$ support and burial state paupers,	38 00
Oct. 3.	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	25 55
	State Treas., $\frac{a}{c}$ cattle inspec.	63 50
" 23.	E. B. Knapp, Collector,	700 00
Nov. 18.	E. B. Knapp, Collector,	1,600 00
Dec. 3.	C. J. Batcheller, Treas., proceeds libr'y entertainment,	37 20
" 19.	E. B. Knapp, Collector,	500 00
	State Treas., $\frac{a}{c}$ corp'n tax,	151 97
" 21.	Chas. Noles, butchers' lic.	1 00
" 30.	J. M. Rawson, auct. license,	2 00
1897.		
Jan. 2.	James Wilson,	12 00
	State Treas., $\frac{a}{c}$ nat'l bank tax,	148 74
	State Treas., state aids, 1895,	803 00
	State Treas., burial indigent sldiers,	35 00
	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	29 15
" 14.	State Treas., support state paupers,	35 50
	State Treas., contagious dis.	10 50
	County Treas., dog fund,	307 99
	H. W. Jones, butcher's lic.	1 00
	Amabel Signet, peddlers lic.	6 00
	E. B. Knapp, Collector.	200 00
Feb. 25.	Chas. Caswell, $\frac{a}{c}$ taxes,	2 00
	S. Russell, int. on taxes,	14 57
	S. Russell, Collector,	359 34
	E. B. Knapp, Collector,	733 99
	Town of Sutton,	10 00
	S. Russell, $\frac{a}{c}$ sales school books,	3 25
	S. Russell, $\frac{a}{c}$ tuition,	15 00
	State Treas., income school fund,	316 77
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		\$29,154 19

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

1896.		CR.
Mar. 21.	Paid Albert Butler Estate, interest on two notes to Feb. 19, 1896,	\$195 00
Apr. 1.	A. J. Thayer, insurance,	10 31
	State Treas., one-fourth lic. money,	25
	Frank Young, Constable,	14 01
	E. P. Heath, Dep. Sheriff,	59 70
" 4.	Orders of selectmen, Nos 1-9 inc.	890 64
" 21.	Whitinsville Bank, note and int.	2,533 90
" 25.	A. F. Jones, note and int.	706 53
May 2.	Lura A Wallis, int. on note, 1 yr. to Apr. 20, '96,	48 00
	Orders from selectmen, 10-21 inc.	1,212 66
" 25.	Wm. Abbott, int. on note, 1 yr. to April 6, '96,	90 00
June 2.	William Abbott, Guardian, int. on note 1 yr. to Mar. 29, '96,	52 94
	Wm. Abbott, Guardian, on prin. of note,	100 00
	Sarah Richardson, int. on note, 1 yr. to May 30, '96,	37 96
" 3.	State Treas., one-fourth lic. money, 1896,	875 25
" 6.	Orders from selectmen, 22-32 inc.	1,956 50
" 8.	M. M. Luther, int. on note to Mar. 29, '96,	12 00
" 25.	Edwin Moore, int. on three notes, 1 yr.	150 00
July 3.	Orders from selectmen, 33-38 inc.	1,479 95
	Wm. Abbott, $\frac{1}{2}$ E. P. Heath, dep. sheriff,	36 20
" 7.	Two orders from Treas. Pub. Lib. Nos. 72 and 73,	43 25
Aug. 1.	Orders from Selectmen, 39-49 inc.	332 26
" 22.	E. N. Jenckes, Agt. int. on note 1 yr.	110 00
Sep. 5.	Orders of abatement,	101 95
	Orders from selectmen, 50-57,	927 47
" 7.	Two orders from Treas. Lib'y Nos. 74 and 75,	43 92
" 15.	Whitinsville Bank,	3,000 00
" 29.	Order from Treas. Lib'y, No. 76,	202 19

Oct. 3.	Paid E. P. Heath, Dep. Sheriff,	\$61 18
	Orders from selectmen, 58-66 inc.	941 63
	Orders from selectmen, 67-70 inc.	326 65
" 12.	Whitinsville Bank, int. on note,	148 13
	Two orders of abatement,	2 51
Nov. 7.	Orders from selectmen, 71-78 inc.	1,684 29
" 30.	Heirs Retus Walling, int. on note to Nov. 18, '96,	65 70
Dec. 3.	Order from Treas. Lib. No. 77,	20 18
	Order of abatement,	64
" 5.	Orders from selectmen, 79-89 inc.	1,295 15
" 10.	State Treas., state tax,	735 00
1897.		
Jan. 2.	Orders from Selectmen, 90-94 inc.	835 67
	E. P. Heath, dep. sheriff,	56 28
" 16.	Order from Treas. Lib'ry, No. 78,	11 04
Feb. 6.	Orders from selectmen, 95-103, inc.	1,506 43
	County tax,	1,225 00
" 27.	Orders from selectmen, 104-113 inc.	1,065 83
	Disc't on taxes, S. Russell, Col. '94,	83 99
	Order of abatements, S. Russell, Col. 1894,	76 52
	Orders of selectmen, 114-121 inc.	1,051 12
	E. B. Knapp, Col, order abatements,	49 28
	E. B. Knapp, Col., disc't on taxes,	183 91
	Orders Treas. Lib'ry, 79-83 inc,	23 12
	Order from selectmen, No. 119,	150 00
	Order from Treas. Library, No. 84,	50 00
	Order abatement to John Humes,	2 00
	Cash on hand,	2,280 10
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		\$29,154 19

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. JONES, Treasurer.

GEORGE ABBOTT, Auditor.

Assets and Liabilities.

Assets March 1, 1897.

Cash on hand,	\$2,280 10
Lockup and school property,	5,000 00
Alms house establishment,	3,000 00
Personal property at alms house,	1,658 92
Engine building and lot,	1,350 00
New town hall building and lot,	2,800 00
Fire engine and hose,	800 00
Two safes in selectmen room,	425 00
Road machine, scrapers and tools on hand,	337 15
New books, stationery, etc. on hand,	106 76
Due from State, $\frac{a}{c}$ state aid,	1,061 00
Chas. Caswell, Collector, 1893,	40 68
State, $\frac{a}{c}$ support state paupers,	1,002 05
State, $\frac{a}{c}$ inspection of cattle,	161 32
Town of Sutton,	5 00
Other towns and cities,	348 42
E. B. Knapp, Collector, 1896,	848 26
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	\$21,224 66

Liabilities.

Note to Retus Walling Heirs,	\$1,095 00
Albert Butler Estate, two notes,	1,200 00
Edwin More, three notes,	2,500 00
M. M. Luther,	200 00
William Abbott, guardian,	650 00
Sarah Richardson,	632 68
Wm. Abbott,	1,500 00
Whitinsville Bank,	4,000 00
E. N. Jenckes, agent,	2,000 00
Lura Wallis,	800 00
Edwin Moore,	2,000 00
Interest due on above notes,	786 47
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	\$17,364 15

Annual Report of the

Overseers of the Poor,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1897.

CHARLES E. SIBLEY, Superintendent

Personal property at almshouse as per inventory March 1, 1896,	\$1,553 85
Personal property at almshouse as per inventory March 1, 1897.	1,658 92
Showing a balance in favor of the farm over last year's account,	<hr/> \$105 07

We have made Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out, as follows:

1896.	DR.	CR.
Mar. 2. Cash in hand of supt.	\$18 13	
Paid A. J. Dudley, camphor, tobacco, etc.		\$ 50
7. F. R. Caswell, beef,		70
10. E. G. Babson, fish,		45
Received of I. T. Johnson, work last year,	13 25	
11. Baker, bread and cookies,		40
12. J. Hilton, cutting wood,		3 56
14. S. Russell, opium for Mrs. Jones,		60
18. W. H. Parker, chestnut plank,		4 90

1896.		Dr.	Cr.
Mar 20.	Received of H. T. Barton, work, Rec'd of H. T. Barton, 1435	\$5 74	
	paving blocks,	1 78	
21.	G. E. Fairfield, work, A. J. Dudley, filing saw,	10 00	\$ 25
23.	Tobacco,		30
27.	Brown, repairing gloves, Baker, bread and crackers,		25 4 50
28.	F. S. Phetteplace, shoeing horses, Wm. Buxton, labor,		2 50 18 00
31.	F. Parker, cutting wood, E. G. Babson, fish, F. R. Caswell, beef, sausage, bacon, E. N. Jenckes, supplies, A. J. Dudley, supplies,		4 00 50 3 66 21 46 1 75
	J. M. Rawson, work on highway,	6 04	
	J. M. Rawson, drawing lumber,	11 90	
Apr. 4.	Supt. for supplies, S. Russell, medicine,	1 44	95
8.	A. J. Dudley, filing saw, Received for use of team, Paid for bottle liniment,	1 00	20 50
9.	A. J. Dudley, butter, Yeast cake,		54 02
10.	Rec'd for milk,	10	
11.	W. E. Jones, two hitch ropes,		25
13.	Straw hat for Green, S. Russell, opium Mrs. Jones, S. Russell, pint whiskey, (Mrs. Conley),		25 75 60
14.	Babson, fish,		50
15.	A. J. Dudley, can beef,		25
18.	F. Phetteplace, shoeing horses.		1 60
29.	S. Russell, medicine,		1 34
30.	A. J. Dudley, two hoes, Box pills,		60 25
May 2.	Seed corn, C. P. Brown, brush, etc.,		50 75
4.	S. F. Root, garden seed, W. E. Jones, 4 lbs. nails,		50 25
10.	C. P. Brown, harness, Repairs,		11 00 10

1896.		DR.	CR.
May 11.	W. E. Jones, barn lock,		\$ 50
	Paid freight on wheels and axle,		94
12.	S. Russell, medicine,		1 05
	Nine yds. prints for Mrs. Conley,		54
15.	Tobacco for Mr. Green,		25
	S. F. Root, seeds,		15
16.	W. E. Jones, three sponges,		95
21.	John Sargent, two wks. labor,		7 50
	M. Farley, mo. labor,	15	00
22.	E. C. Parker, two pigs,		6 00
	For drawing paving,		7 40
23.	W. E. Jones, sweet corn fodder,		1 55
	Mr. Place, planting corn,		2 00
27.	S. Russell, medicine,		1 50
	S. F. Root, two shirts for Green,		90
	A. J. Dudley, pills,		25
	Two hoes,		60
	Babson, fish,		1 65
28.	Walter Parker, 13 bu. potatoes,		3 25
June 2.	Mrs. Jones, two pr. hose,		25
4.	A. J. Dudley, wheel grease,		25
8.	W. E. Jones, 8 milk pans,		1 20
	Hand dish and seed,		29
	Suel Logee, plow beam,		2 50
	E. N. Jenckes, cough syrup and seeds,		55
	Six balls twine,		25
9.	Babson, fish,		60
	W. Wallis, shoeing horses,		2 00
12.	Four boxes strawberries,		50
15.	Ellen Thayer, hair pins,		05
23.	Babson, fish,		80
25.	Bridget Lee, cough candy,		05
	Medicine,		3 00
26.	Charles Hilton, labor,		5 25
	Chase, strawberries,		1 87
30.	Babson, fish,		43
	M. Farley, mo. work,	15	00
July 2.	W. R. Wallis, two hand rakes,		60
	Stone and rifle,		25
	Paris green,		35

		DR.	CR.
1896.			
July	2.	A. J. Dudley, tobacco for Green,	\$ 25
	9.	E. N. Jenckes, hose, (Mrs. Conley),	40
		Qt. alcohol,	1 00
		C. P. Brown, whip,	1 50
	25.	W. E. Jones, three bu. Hungarian,	4 20
		Turnip seed, .	30
		Rivets, etc.,	85
		W. R. Wallis, horse shoeing,	1 40
		M. Farley, mo. work,	15 00
		Three prs. hose for C. St. Martin,	25
	28.	Babson, fish,	50
Sep.	30.	W. R. Wallis, shoeing horses,	2 00
Aug.	4.	E. G. Babson, kit of mackerel,	1 40
		S. Russell, opium for Mrs. Jones,	75
		Camphor,	30
		W. R. Wallis, hen netting and repairs,	1 81
		A. J. Dudley, spikes,	14
	8.	Charles P. Brown, repairs,	50
	11.	E. G. Babson, fish,	65
	15.	W. R. Wallis, paint and repairs,	2 66
	18.	Babson, fish,	84
	19.	George A. Palmer, labor,	4 20
		Box soap,	5 00
	21.	Pr. shoes for C. St. Martin,	1 00
		S. Russell, for poor,	35
		W. E. Jones, hand dish,	15
		W. R. Wallis, shoeing horses,	2 00
	25.	Repairing shoes,	20
	29.	James Mason, shoes for Ellen Thayer,	1 00
		James Mason, slippers for Mrs. Jones,	30
		S. Russell, pt. whiskey, (Mrs. Conley),	50
Sep.	2.	E. G. Babson, fish,	50
		P. Green, tobacco,	25
	10.	Babson, clams,	85
	19.	Repairing glasses, (Mrs. Jones),	15
		S. Russell, pt. whiskey, (Mrs. Conley),	60
		Sibley, twenty-two lbs. brown sugar,	1 00
	29.	P. Green, tobacco,	25
		Repairing shoes,	25
		C. P. Brown, pr. feed bags,	2 00
		Repairs on harness,	2 65
Oct.	3.	L. Barnes, wall paper,	3 97

1896.		DR.	CR.
Oct. 6.	Babson, fish,		\$ 55
13.	Fish,		60
	Pr. slippers, (Mrs. Hill),		30
	Green, tobacco,		25
20.	M. Farley, three mo. work,	45	00
	Underflannels, (Bridget Lee),		1 00
Dec. 4.	Pr. slippers, (Mrs. Conley),		1 00
	S. Russell, medicine, three mo.		4 95
	Pr. boots, C. St. Martin,		2 50
	Tobacco, (Green),		25
	W. R. Wallis, zinc,		1 12
	Tacks,		04
	Sixty-five lbs. barbed wire,		1 95
	Shoeing horses,		2 00
	Four eyes, bolts and rings,		50
	Hook,		15
	14 window glass,		81
	One-half window sash,		50
	Nails,		04
	Repairing chains,		75
	W. E. Jones, sundries, (see bill on file),		5 15
14.	S. E. Chase, making 345 gal. cider,		6 90
16.	S. Russell, pt. whiskey, (Mrs. Conley),		50
	Qt. alcohol,		90
21.	E. N. Jenckes, pr. pants, (Green),		1 85
	Mittens for Green,		45
	Logee, shoeing horses,		1 50
	Bolts and clasps,		50
	S. Russell, medicine Mrs. Jones,		10
	C. P. Brown, two hames straps,		60
26.	S. Russell, pt. whiskey (Mrs. Conley),		50
	Tobacco for Green,		25
	Lougee, repairs on wagon,		15
	Aldrich for grinding corn,		47
31.	M. Farley, two mo. work,	20	00
1897.	Potter Bates, 104 lbs. beef,		5 20
Jan. 5.	E. Parker, butchering hog,		50
9.	C. Sweet, filing two saws,		40
13.	Shoes and rubbers for Ellen Thayer,		1 35
	S. Russell, opium for Mrs. Jones,		80
22.	M. Farley, three wks. work,		7 50

		DR.	CR.
1897.			
Jan. 26.	Tobacco for Green,		\$ 25
27.	Mrs. Bugbee, for soap,		1 00
Jan. 30.	Aldrich for grinding,		1 00
Feb. 1.	S. Russell, $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. whiskey, (Mrs. Conley),		25
	Louger, sharpening horses,		1 70
	S. Russell, for use of ice tools,		2 00
	Wm. Peak, labor,		2 00
	Tobacco for Green,		25
	Lawrence for stove blacking,		20
	Cough candy, (Mrs. Conley),		10
	Mrs Thompson, sewing,		50
	Babson, fish,		4 05
	Cattle card,		10
	Charles Hilton, labor,		1 50
	Paid for washing,		1 00
1896.			
Apr. 30.	Team labor Gus. Dudley,	\$7 00	
May 21.	H. T. Barton, drawing paving and 15,500 paving blocks,	61 81	
28.	Rec'd for two dinners,	50	
	A. Barton, for milk Apr. and May.	3 00	
	Mrs. Hilton, for milk,	12	
Jun. 19.	A. F. Jones, carting stone,	75	
July 3.	J. M. Rawson, labor on highway.	49 75	
16.	H. T. Barton, mowing,	3 00	
20.	Mowing,	3 00	
23.	16,611 pavings stone and drawing paving stones,	63 51	
27.	B. M. Stone, milk for camp ground,	15 62	
Aug. 1.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter,	37	
11.	Two dinners,	50	
Aug. 19.	Geo. A. Palmer, labor,	1 60	
	Two hens,	1 00	
28.	Mrs. Pillion, for board,	1 60	
Sep. 11.	A. F. Jones, carting stone,	2 00	
12.	Two qts. milk,	10	
30.	J. M. Rawson, labor on highway,	3 80	
	O. F. Chase, labor on highway,	4 50	
	Geo. A. Palmer, two doz. eggs.	50	
Oct. 7.	Bridge, for cabbage,	25	
13.	Butter and milk sold,	30	
23.	Milk,	30	

		Dr.	Cr.
1896.			
Nov 20.	Scroggie and Barton, drawing curbing,	\$95 00	
7.	Walter Parker, drawing wood and lumber,	5 00	
	J. M. Rawson, labor on highway,	6 30	
17.	Bu. Turnips,	50	
	Two barrels of cabbage,	2 00	
	Geo. A. Palmer, cord wood,	4 00	
Dec. 14.	J. M. Rawson, for labor,	37 27	
21.	L. Bent, bu. turnips,	50	
	Geo. Scroggie, turnips,	1 00	
	H. T. Barton, turnips,	1 00	
1897.			
Feb 11.	Butter and milk sold,	35	
	Butcher, for dinners,	3 50	
	Car wood,	38 63	
	J. M. Rawson, labor on highway,	13 50	
	Mrs. Charles Hilton, mixed wood,	2 50	
	A. J. Dudley, store act. on file,		7 65
	Use of wagon,	5 00	
	Pascoag baker, bread, etc., (bill on file),		58 20
	T. J. Murphy, meat account, (bill on file,		34 48
	Calf,	6 00	
	Cabbages,	3 77	
Mar. 1.	Cash in hands of Supt.,		41 55
		<hr/> \$519 48	<hr/> \$519 48

Bills Due the Supt. of Almshouse.

Lloyd Bros., Woonsocket, for car of wood,	\$36 00
Town of Douglas, for board, A. Gove,	5 00
Three and one half cords wood, for lockup,	14 00
Twenty two wks. board James Wilson,	66 00
Seven and five-sevenths wks. board A. Morse,	23 14
Aug. Morse, nurse eleven days and nights,	16 50
A. Morse, Dr. Sterling's bill,	5 00
Geo. A. Palmer,	4 20
H. T. Barton, last year's acct.	9 24
I. T. Johnson, cutting ice,	5 50
	<hr/> \$185 08

The above account shows what the Supt. has received and paid out. The Overseers have paid the following bills on town farm account:

Geo. Fairfield, bal. on salary,	\$100 00
Paid for cutting wood,	78 95
Dr. Sterling, for Mrs. Conley,	1 00
Nancy Jones,	5 00
P. Greene,	3 60
C. G. Sibley, on salary,	75 00
J. H. Dudley, for hay,	11 02
Dr. Clark, for Nancy Jones,	1 50
For Bridget Lee,	1 50
C. G. Sibley, on salary,	75 00
E. C. Parker, fertilizer,	56 00
Archabald Wheel Co.,	33 45
Mr. Bridge, for painting,	20 25
Fred Caswell, meat,	62 62
Tom Murphy, meat,	18 48
W. R. Wallis, grain and blacksmithing,	40 21
L. Gove, mason work,	15 00
C. Smith, mason work,	4 50
Dr. Clark, for Nancy Jones,	50
Bridget Lee,	50
C. G. Sibley, on salary,	75 00
Dr. Sterling, Truss and medicine, Nancy Jones,	6 20
P. Greene,	1 00
Augustus Morse,	5 00
Nancy Jones,	13 00
Mrs. Conley,	1 00
Ellen Thayer,	50
Chas. Samiter,	50
S. Russell, medicine for Mrs. Jones,	1 72
Medicine for inmates,	2 60
Spring tooth harrow and freight,	14 25
Paid Hulda Arnold, for land and deed,	60 50
W. E. Jones, supplies,	34 93
E. N. Jenckes, supplies,	168 05
S. F. Root & Co.,	158 22
W. R. Wallis,	2 20

S. Russell, water bag and medicine,		1 75
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		\$1,149 50
Number weeks board at almshouse,		
Nancy Jones,	52	
Bridget Lee,	52	
Ellen Thayer,	52	
Rhoda Hill,	52	
Rosina Conley,	52	
Preserved Green,	52	
Charles St. Martin,	52	
James Wilson,	22	
Augustus Morse,	7 $\frac{5}{4}$	
Frank Chase,	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Tramps,	1—	397
Cost per week,		\$1 95

Miscellaneous Accounnts.

Books, stationery, and stamps,	\$8 62
W. P. Wight, attending meeting of assoc. and fees,	4 00
Expense to Boston, in case of state bills,	5 00
Expense to Worcester in Willett case,	4 00
Expense Napoleon Morse,	4 00
Webster case, Lidia Melborn,	2 28
Blackstone case, Elliot & Noill,	1 50
Northbridge, Snow & Snowling,	1 25
Uxbridge case, Reuben Greene,	1 28
Case of E. Putnam,	1 00
Taking Wilson to farm,	1 00
Case Delia Stares and Peruse,	1 71
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	\$35 58
Total expense of poor at almshouse as per supt. report,	\$477 93
Amount paid by overseers as per their report,	1,149 50
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	\$1,627 43
Received for labor, merchandise, etc., as per supt's account,	\$519 48
Amount due the supt. as per sundry accts.	185 08

Increase of personal property at almshouse		
over last year,	\$105 07	
Cash in hands of supt.,	41 55	
	<hr/>	\$851 18
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		\$776 25

Outside Poor.

Amelia Barthome,	\$10 00	
Caroline Jarvis,	4 00	
Geo. Casey and family,	149 85	
Frank Chase,	7 82	
Margaret Dupry,	48 00	
Julius Gould,	161 10	
Mrs. Peter Hughes,	103 45	
Geo. Haven,	6 00	
Mrs. Joseph Labell,	47 00	
Frank Manahan,	72 37	
Nelson Perry,	37 00	
John Reynolds,	17 81	
Joseph Raferty,	150 25	
Joseph Quevillion,	15 35	
Nelson Snow, Jr.,	32 00	
Joseph Taylor, for burial of daughter,	10 00	
Thos. Vallier,	128 00	
Trifly Virgen,	22 00	
Chas. White,	17 75	
Sylvia Wakefield,	60 00	
Mrs. Henry Cyer,	40 00	
Matilda Ledaut,	63 00	
Mrs. Caleb Hill,	9 75	
Amebile Signet,	12 50	
Bridget Rogers,	20 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,245 40
Assisted poor of other towns,		
Wm. Parsons, Sutton,	\$6 00	
Delia Stares, Sutton,	17 00	
Alonzo Davis, Webster,	37 50	
Lidia Melborn, Webster,	33 00	
Geo. Snoland, Northbridge,	27 75	
Rose Doile, Blackstone,	2 00	
Edward Putnam, Wakefield,	39 42	
Emuile Paruse, Sutton,	3 50	

Mrs. Louis Gabery, Fall River,	\$8 00
Peter Rattie, Fall River, burial of child	14 00
Francis Frazier and family,	171 50

\$359 67

State Poor.

Assisted from March 1, 1896, to March 1, 1897,

Mrs. J. B. Auge,	\$23 55
Chas. Carlson and wife,	46 50
Chas. A. Carlson, child,	18 00
Mrs. Peter Delair,	20 00
Francis Higgins,	2 00
Mrs. Phitamia John,	33 50
Fred Kumner,	15 50
J. R. Mills,	18 50
Andrew Neilson,	4 00
Ernest Steele,	16 00
Napoleon Turcott,	79 00
Chas. Wesburg,	9 00
John Gibins,	19 00
Jos. La Plant,	21 00
D. DeCisico,	10 00
Ernest Leonard and family,	65 50
Peter Kelard,	83 25
Rose Conners,	1 16
G. W. Johnson,	13 71
John Olson,	4 00
Adolf Gardina and family,	235 20

\$738 37

Lockup Account.

A. F. Jones, 8 ft. wood,	\$3 00
Gall oil,	14
John Labell, bal on salary,	5 75
Timothy Wixtead, cleaning lockup,	3 67
On salary,	20 00
J. F. Brown, repairs,	75
Root & Wixtead, supplies,	20 86
W. E. Jones, repairs and supplies,	11 55
Joseph Bowen, filing saws,	75

\$66 47

Number of tramps during the year,	\$1,033
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Amount due from other towns,		
Samuel Elliott, Blackstone,	\$5 00	
Edward Putnam, Wakefield, '95.	6 75	
William Parsons, Sutton,	6 00	
Alonzo Davis, Webster,	37 50	
D. Melborn, Webster,	33 00	
George Snoland, Northbridge,	21 75	
Rose Doyle, Blackstone,	2 00	
Edward Putnam, Wakefield,	39 42	
Emuile Paruse, Sutton,	3 50	
Mrs. Louis Gabery, Fall River,	8 00	
Peter Rattie, child,	14 00	
Francis Frazier, Fall River,	171 50	
		\$348 42

Amount due from the state,		
Charles Lawrance,	\$132 63	
Poke De Jong,	11 31	
Frank Hellgreen,	23 10	
Adolph Berg,	8 00	
Reme Mathews,	21 00	
Joseph Derocia,	19 25	
George Simmons,	30 79	
Charles Peterson,	5 00	
Edwin Carlson,	3 00	
Adolph Gardner,	8 00	
Alfred Bergran,	1 75	
Napoleon Turcutt,	7 78	
J. R. Mills,	11 00	
		\$282 61

State poor for the past year, see report for the names,	\$738 37
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Total amount due from the state,	\$1,020 98
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Recapitulation.

Overseers of poor have paid for supplies at almshouse,	\$1,149 50
Miscellaneous acc't,	35 85

Outside poor,	1,245 40	
State poor,	738 37	
Poor of other towns,	359 67	
Lockup acc't,	66 47	
Salary of overseers of poor,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,745 26
Due W. P. Wight, Overseers,		2 26
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		3,743 00
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Received from town treas.,		\$3,720 00
From town of Sutton, for Delia Stares,		17 00
From town of Northbridge, Geo. Snoling,		6 00
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		\$3,743 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. WIGHT,	} Overseers
A. F. JONES	
E. C. PARKER,	
	of
	Poor.

Report of the
Commissioner of Roads,
 ON THE
Expenditures on Roads and Bridges,
for Labor and Supplies,
 FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1897.

I make the first part of this report commencing March 1, 1896, of the work done under my predecessor and superintendent A. F. Jones, ending March 16, 1896,

A. F. Jones 28 h.	\$5 60	Daniel Rogers 12 h.	\$1 80
horse 19 h.	95	Geo. E. Fairfield 12 h.	1 80
horse and cart 5 h.	62	horses 10½ h.	2 39
horses 13 h.	2 93	Wm. Buxton 12 h.	1 80
4 lanterns	2 60	John McMan 4 h.	60
John Austin 13 h.	1 95	W. R. Wallis 20 loads of	
Arthur Johnes' horses 14 h.	3 15	gravel	1 00
M. Foster 5 h.	75	Mrs. Phebe Keith, gravel,	25
W. H. Herendeen 15 h.	2 25		<u>\$40 72</u>
Frank King 14 h.	2 10	Supplies on hand :	
David Lunn 4 h.	60	2 bridge stringers	10 00
T. LaCourse 14 h.	2 10	4 lanterns	2 60—12 60
Peter Jarvis Jr. 14 h.	2 10		<u>\$28 12</u>
N. G. Dudley 12½	1 88		
Geo. Darling and horses	1 50		

A. F. JONES, Superintendent.

Report of J. M. RAWSON, Commissioner.

Commissioner, 1232 h.	\$246 40	C. H. Herendeen, 44 h.	\$6 60
Horse, 863 h.	43 15	Agustus Dufo, 10 h.	1 50
E. C. Parker, 15 h.	2 25	Lewis Staples, 15 h.	2 25
Horses, 65 h.	13 00	Arthur C. Curtis, 20 h.	3 00
Walter Buxton, 65 h.	9 75	Wm. Snowling, 5 h.	75
F. W. Copp, 20 h.	2 50	Eugene Geoto, 10 h.	1 50
Eddie Buxton, 69 h.	8 62	H. A. Walker, 140 h.	21 00
Micheal Farley, 58 h.	8 70	Horse, 60 h.	7 50
Supt. of Town Farm, 143 h.	21 45	Hubert Johnson, 125 h.	18 75
Horses, 63 h.	12 60	R. Bowa, 80 h.	12 00
Horses on scraper, 79 h.	23 70	Pliny Richardson, 90 h.	13 50
Geo. Brown, 70 h.	10 50	Amos Lunn, 77 h.	11 55
Sam Paterson, 34½ h.	5 17	Geo. Nichols, 55 h.	8 25
Peter Jarvis' Horses, 19½ h.	3 90	Alfred Laffo, 14 h.	2 10
Henry Newton, 19½ h.	2 92	Wm. Bumfield, 30½ h.	4 57
Charles Hilton, 113 h.	16 95	Nelson Roberts, 34½ h.	5 17
W. N. Jones, 68 h.	10 20	Luke Southwick, 65 h.	9 75
Horse, 53 h.	6 62	Horse, 50 h.	6 25
Fred Liberty, 161 h.	24 15	V. T. Esten, 20 h.	3 00
Mitchel Foster, 197 h.	29 55	G. C. Dudley, 20 h.	3 00
Phillip Rivier, 161 h.	24 15	Chas. Walls, 5 h.	50
Fred Lunn, 75 h.	11 25	Frank Walls, 5 h.	50
J. H. Gough, 189½ h.	28 42	S. P. Rawson, 65 h.	9 75
Henry Titus, 15 h.	2 25	Horses, 65 h.	13 00
Arthur Peris, 51 h.	7 65	E. T. Thayer, horses, 296 h.	59 20
Patrick Dermody, 10 h.	1 50	Wm. Buxton, 8 h.	1 20
Lawrence Dermody, 5 h.	50	Everett Sweet, 10 h.	1 50
Arthur Jones, 5 h.	75	Frank Kenyon, 27 h.	4 05
Horses, 372½ h.	74 50	O. F. Chase, 69 h.	10 35
Horses on Screper, 148 h.	44 40	Horses, 39½ h.	7 90
James Adams, 34 h.	5 10	Geo. Roberts, 73 h.	10 95
Driving scraper, 74 h.	12 95	Myron B. Chase, 59 h.	8 85
Peter Jarvis, Jr., 196 h.	29 40	Sewell E. Chase, 45 h.	6 75
E. T. Rawson, 401 h.	60 15	Oxen, 49½ h.	9 90
Oxen, 261 h.	52 20	Orson M. Chase, 64 h.	9 67
J. T. Arnold, 85 h.	12 75	Henry Chase, 73 h.	10 95
Chas. White, 293¼ h.	22 00	Adrastus Chase, 59 h.	8 85
Willis Rosebrooks, 30 h.	4 50	Horses, 59 h.	11 80
Horses on scraper, 8 h.	2 00	Gilbert Yates, 30 h.	4 51
James Wixtead, 25 h.	3 75	A. E. Chapman, 15 h.	2 25
Micheal Mc Cormick, 267½ h.	40 12	Marcus J. Pease, 15 h.	2 25
Will Kelley, 121 h.	18 15	W. H. Parker, 20 h.	3 00
W. E. Jones' horse, 20 h.	2 50	Horses, 10 h.	2 00
Geo. Reynolds, 20 h.	3 00	James Peters, 110 h.	16 50
Joseph Trahon, 45½ h.	6 82	Horses, 58 h.	11 60
Frank Chase, 25½ h.	3 82	Horses on scraper, 108 h.	32 40
L. T. Arnold, 119 h.	17 85	N. J. Peters, 59 h.	7 50
		Driving scraper, 54 h.	9 44
		H. A. Peters, 111 h.	16 65

A. Roberts, 49 h.	\$7 35
D. Roberts, 83 h.	12 45
L. Stockwell, 20 h.	3 00
Horses, 20 h.	4 00
D. Roberts' horse, 10 h.	1 25
Amos Humes, 84 h.	12 60
T. Knowls, 20 h.	3 00
C. Dudley, 31 h.	4 65
Ed. Hope, 10 h.	1 50
G. Roberts, 19 h.	2 85
Joe Raymond, 7 h.	1 05
Milton Humes, 9 h.	1 35
W. L. Church, 179½ h.	26 93
Horses, 94½ h.	18 90
Harold Church, 184½ h.	27 67
Frank Wellman, 164 h.	24 60
Horses, 65 h.	8 13
Gravel, 16 loads,	50
Putnam Dudley, 80 h.	12 00
Geo. M. Wallis, 17 h.	2 55
J. M. Parker, 60 h.	9 00
Mrs. David Keith, 36 loads	
gravel,	1 80
Wm Mannahan, 10 h.	1 50
Ashel Fitts, 196 h.	29 40
Horses, 130 h.	26 00
Frank Pease, 108 h.	16 20
Joseph Roberts, 180 h.	27 00
Timothy Wixtead, 503 h.	75 52
Care of lanterns on	
roads,	2 00
Lathan Bent, 69 h.	10 35
Fred Parkis, 40 h.	6 00
Gust. H. Dudley, 82 h.	12 30
Horses, 65 h.	13 00
Horses on scraper, 60	
h.	18 00
60 loads gravel,	3 00
Wallace Putnam, 65 h.	9 75
Driving scraper, 30 h.	5 25
Walter E. Putnam, 50 h.	7 50
Geo. Bent, 64 h.	9 60
Ernest Johnson, 40 h.	6 00
A. T. Dudley, 15 h.	2 25
Peter Hetue, 25 h.	3 75
W. L. Jillson, 256 h.	38 47
Horses, 147 h.	29 40
Horse, 10 h.	1 25
A. A. Keith, 72 h.	10 80
Wheaton Brown, 49 h.	7 35
Geo. Fairfield, 88 h.	13 20
Henry Jarvis, 30 h.	4 50
Driving scraper, 114 h.	20 15

A. J. Dudley's horses on	
scraper, 149 h.	-44 70
Horses, 95 h.	19 00
David Keith, 50 h.	7 50
Chas. St. Martin, 9 h.	1 35
J. A. Richardson, 43 h.	6 45
Horses, 128 h.	25 60
John Linburg, 126 h.	18 90
L. B. Titus, 34 h.	5 10
Chandler Titus, 140 h.	21 00
Frank Roberts, 20 h.	3 00
Joe Ashley, 58 h.	8 70
Harley Baker, 24 loads	
gravel,	1 20
Will Colp, 40 h.	6 00
J. M. Rawson and C.	
Hilton,	
Drilling 152¼ ft. @ 45c	
and blasting 197 rocks	68 51
J. M. Rawson,	
110 ft. of boards	1 10
5 notices erected	
on private ways	3 65— 4 75

Supplies for Machines and Road Tools.

Am'n. Road Machine	
Co.	
7 cutters edges for	
machines	16 33
3 castings for ma-	
chines	2 50
2 cutter edges for	
Pennoch mach.	6 00
3 points for Pen-	
noch machine	6 00
Freight	25—31 08
Ames Plow Co.	
1 doz. ex H. spades	12 88
1 doz. stone pickers	6 63
Freight	25
4 swivel plow points	
used on hill	2 00
Express on points	60—22 36
Am. Axe & Tool	
Co.	
Repairing picks	1 00
Bolts and washers	
to Pennoch mch.	80
Repairing axel arm	
to Pennoch mch.	60— 2 40

W. E. Barrett & Co.		
1 mouldboard for O. F. Chase's plow and freight	\$2	10
H. N. Logee, Repair'g neck yoke and even'er	45	
Repairing bolts for scraper	50—	95
Geo. A. Gleason, Repairing to brace stays to machine	40	
Repairing 2 bolts for machine	15—	55
W. E. Jones, Oil for machine and lights	2	23
30 bolts for mach.	92	
Wrench	90—	4 05
E. N. Jencks, 2½ gal. of K oil	37	
S. F. Root & Co. 4 gal. K oil	52	
W. R. Wallis, Repair'g chain to pole	20	
Repairing tools	55	
1 pair clevises for machine	40	
3 bolts	10	
1 side brace to mouldboard	25	
1 side timber for Pennoch	50	
2 in. plank	50	
36 loads of gravel	1 75—	4 25

Supplies for Bridges.

Z. M. Rawson, 3,024 ft. 3 in. plank @ 2c	\$60	48
M. A. Wood, 1,946 ft. 3 in. chest. plank @ 2c	38	92
E. T. Rawson, 1,410 ft. 3 in chest. plank @ 2c	28	20
W. H. Wellman, 2 stringers, posts	1	80
Belcher & Loomis, 300 lbs. 6 in. H spikes	9	45
Freight	24—	9 69
Mrs. Alice Hill, Housing road mach.	3	00
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	\$2,479	37
Rebate on supplies	4	29
37 loads of ditch dirt	9	50
Old bridge plank	10	00
½ Cost of Gilboa bridge, Uxbridge,	12	21
1,475 ft. 3 in. plank on hand	29 50—	65 50
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	\$2,413	87

Town Appropriation.

For repairs of high-ways, townways, and bridges	2,000	00
Cost of cutting down hills at A. Hunt's	357	50

Account of Snow Roads.

Cost to March 1, 1897.

Commissioner 53 h.	\$10	60	horses 6 h.	1	20
horse 23 h.	1	15	Alvah Hall 3 h.	45	
E. T. Rawson 33 h.	4	95	Wm. Sanburn 3 h.	45	
oxen 16 h.	3	20	Ed. McMahon 3 h.	45	
Alfred Reynolds 14 h.	2	10	E. G. Paine 6 h.	90	
horses 6 h.	1	20	S. P. Rawson 20 h.	3	00
Joseph Reynolds 14 h.	1	40	horses 15 h.	3	00
Thomas Donivon 14 h.	2	10	Albert Cook 13 h.	1	95
Theo. Hall 9 h.	1	35	Henry Wright 7 h.	1	05

V. T. Esten 20 h.	\$3 00	A. J. Dudley's horses 5 h.	\$1 00
F. H. Paine 6 h.	90	G. C. Dudley 5 h.	75
Chas. Walls 13 h.	1 95	J. C. F. Bates 39 h.	5 85
Richard Shean 18 h.	2 70	C. S. Caswell 4 h.	60
W. L. Church 14 h.	2 10	Alex. Ritcher 11 h.	1 65
horses 9 h.	1 80	Michael Kane 11 h.	1 65
Harold Church 7½ h.	2 62	Eddie Buxton 6 h.	90
F. Wellman 12½ h.	1 87	L. B. Titus 3 h.	45
Geo. Parker 12½ h.	1 87	Phineas White 12 h.	1 80
Leon Keith 8 h.	1 20	S. W. Chase's oxen 6½ h.	1 30
La Chance 12½ h.	1 87	O. F. Chase 7 h.	1 05
Pette Hetue 15 h.	2 25	horses 4 h.	80
J. A. Richardson 6 h.	90	M. B. Chase 9 h.	1 35
horses 6 h.	1 20	O. M. Chase 9 h.	1 35
John Linbury 12 h.	1 80	Edrastus Chase 25 h.	3 75
Major Benson 10 h.	1 50	horses 12 h.	2 40
Joe Ashy 12 h.	1 80	Henry Chase 20 h.	3 00
Everett Brown 9 h.	1 35	Gilbert Yates 3 h.	45
W. S. Jillson 18 h.	2 70	A. E. Chapman 8 h.	1 20
horses 9 h.	1 80	horses 1 h.	20
Jesse Thompson 3 h.	45	F. Kenyon 5 h.	75
Wheaton Brown 3 h.	45	Alphonzo Chase 17 h.	2 55
Gustavus H. Dudly 26 h.	3 90	James Peters 20 h.	3 00
horses 31 h.	6 20	horses 20 h.	4 00
W. F. Putman 18 h.	2 70	H. A. Peters 20 h.	3 00
H. I. Emerson 2 h.	30	N. I. Peters 5 h.	75
R. Jogerson 2 h.	30	J. McGrath 4 h.	60
horse 2 h.	25	Nahaum Davis 2 h.	30
Town Farm Supt. 27 h.	4 05	Perry Bryant 6 h.	90
horses 27 h.	5 40	Thurbur Thompson 5½ h.	82
Michael Farley 23 h.	3 45		
Chas. St. Martin 4 h.	60		
			\$153 94

Prices paid for Labor and Teams:

Commissioner, per hour,	20 cents.
Commissioners horse,	5
Men laborers,	15
Boy laborers,	10 to 12½
Horse and cart,	12½
Two horses and cart,	20
Two horses on scraper,	30
Man driving scraper,	17½
Oxen and cart,	20

Amount of Tools and Supplies on hand.

2 road machines,	\$250 00
3 bush scrapers,	6 00

2 side scrapers,	\$1 00	
2 steel bars,	3 00	
7 picks,	3 50	
26 spades,	18 00	
1 post spade,	50	
4 snow shovels,	1 00	
16 stone pickers,	8 20	
1 rake,	50	
1 potato hook,	10	
1 m. fork,	75	
1 bush scythe and snathe,	1 50	
6 drills,	1 00	
4 lanterns,	2 60	
2 bridge stringers,	10 00	
1475 ft. 3 in. chest. plank,	29 50	
1 stone sledge,		
	<hr/>	\$337 15

7 poor spades, sent to the fire engine house to use
in bush fires,

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. RAWSON, Commission of Roads.

GEORGE ABBOTT, Auditor.

In concluding my report I take this opportunity, in justice to myself and to the town, to state the following facts:

It has been absolutely necessary to exceed the appropriation, as it was not sufficient to repair our roads. The amount of work which had to be done was very largely under estimated at our annual town meeting. It was reported at that time, "that all of our bridges were in pretty good repair and would need but little if anything expended on them." Immediately after the close of the meeting I was notified that I must look after "Gilboa Bridge," as it was unsafe, and on investigation I found that a considerable expenditure was needed on several bridges that were defective to make the town safe from accidents. We have re-covered four wooden bridges with three inch chestnut plank, put in two stone culverts and one eight inch earthen

pipe drain, and cleaned out sixty-three large and small culverts that were full of rubbish, coal ashes, and road wash. At the first out set I had to lay out about forty-five dollars on the road machines for supplies and castings, as neither of them could be used for they were both broken and had to be repaired, and all of the cutters were worn out and had to get new ones.

It was determined to cut down the hills on Main St. and Cummings court which is an improvement on the hills which cost \$337.50. There has been 197 rocks blasted and taken out of the roads so that the machines could be used on them to a better advantage.

In looking backward to the time I commenced work on the roads and the poor condition they were in at time (caused by heavy carting and washouts in the soft part of the season), I can truthfully say that I am surprised at the amount of work that has been done on the roads in the past eleven and one-half months; all of this has been accomplished by the exertion, perseverance and good will of my assistants and laborers that have worked on our roads, and to them I tender my hearty and sincere thanks.

Fellow townsmen let us look backward twenty-one years and consider a few facts. Commencing in 1875 with 29 highway surveyors it cost for repairing roads and bridges for seven years \$17,383.83 an average of \$2,483.26, per year; for the next seven years with three road commissioners it cost \$18,977.96 an average of \$2,711.13 $\frac{5}{7}$ per year; for the last seven years with one commissioner it has cost \$16,126.26 an average of \$2,303.75 per year.

We have about 100 miles of roads in Douglas, 24 wooden and 30 stone bridges, about 159 large and small stone culverts to carry off surplus water. Do you consider that \$2,000.00 is a sufficient appropriation to keep in lawful repair the above amount of roads and bridges? You must know that if the roads are PROPERLY REPAIRED it costs more than that every year.

Respectfully,

J. M. RAWSON, Commissioner of Roads.

Report of
 Edwin Moore, Agent,
 On the Devise of Moses Wallis,
 To the Town of Douglas,
 For the Year Ending March 1, 1897.

Notes due the town March 1, 1896,	\$19,575 66
Accrued interest on same,	1,471 89
Cash in hands of Agent,	1,205 07
	<hr/> \$22,252 62

The Agent charges himself with cash on hand and received for interest and principal as follows :

1896.

Mar.	1.	Cash on hand as above,	\$1,205 07
	7.	Rec'd of John H. Gough,	10 50
	8.	Gifford M. Bridge,	30 00
	13.	John Vallier,	18 00
	14.	Margaret F. Brown,	12 00
	14.	Mitchel Auger,	18 00
	20.	Mary A. Reynolds,	15 00
	28.	Joseph T. Arnold,	48 00
Apr.	6.	Frank S. Morse,	9 00
	9.	Joseph Bassett,	30 00
	25.	James Wixted,	6 00

May	4.	Rec'd of Caleb Hill Estate,	\$583 17
	5.	Betsey Emerson,	18 00
	9.	Susan V. Thayer,	30 00
	11.	Herbert L. Sherman,	30 00
	13.	Anson Ingraham,	30 00
	20.	Interest on Deposit.	6 52
June	6.	Allen Buxton,	6 00
	19.	Daniel S. Buxton,	24 00
	24.	Joanna Rawson,	12 00
July	9.	Alexander Ritchie,	5 26
	14.	John D. Darling,	18 00
	20.	George E. Barnes,	27 00
Aug.	19.	S. W. Potter,	103 00
Sept.	14.	George Roberts,	5 00
	16.	Mary A. Reynolds.	6 00
Oct.	2.	Augustus Willett,	24 00
	24.	Preserved Alger,	6 00
	27.	Charles H. Hilton.	12 00
	29.	J. C. F. Bates,	9 00
Nov.	6.	Frank S. Morse,	497 25
	19.	R. T. Lesperance,	29 25
	23.	Charles S. Caswell,	30 00
		Harriet C. Caswell,	12 00
Dec.	7.	Eva Maxim,	6 00
	15.	Albert Whipple.	12 00
	24.	Sarah H. Paine,	24 00
	25.	Charles H. Hilton.	12 00
	26.	Louis Terrier,	24 00
	28.	Salina Casey,	30 00
1897.			
Jan.	4.	Lizzie Wixted,	12 00
	16.	Charles H. Littlefield,	352 81
	18.	Frank Duval.	19 00
	23.	Interest on Deposit,	12 14
Feb.	10.	Willard Whipple,	27 00
	15.	Zilphia M. Rawson,	30 00
	18.	Mary J. Willis,	30 00
		Mary E. Keith,	30 00
	20.	George Roberts,	4 00
	23.	Frank C. McCormick,	9 00
	26.	Frank E. Wellman,	12 00
	27.	Emma J. Brown,	9 00
		Mary J. Murphy,	26 60

Feb. 27.	Rec'd of Salina Casey,	\$30 00
	William F. Young,	30 00
	John H. Gough,	10 00
	Sarah Dufoe,	12 00
	Wellington Balcom,	7 50
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		\$3,696 07

The Agent has loaned and paid out, as follows:

1896.

Mch. 20.	Loaned Ezekiel T. Thayer,	400 00
21.	Paid for recording mortgage,	1 00
Apr. 11.	Loaned Bertrand F. Aldrich,	500 00
	Paid for recording mortgage,	1 00
May 4.	discharging two mortgages,	50
July 14.	town taxes for 1896,	255 00
Aug. 19.	for discharging mortgage,	25
Oct. 26.	Loaned Lucius S. Whipple,	500 00
Nov. 5.	Paid for discharging mortgage,	25
Dec. 4.	recording mortgage,	1 05

1897.

Jan. 16.	Paid for discharging mortgage,	25
18.	Loaned Frank Duval,	125 00
Feb. 5.	Paid insurance on Amos G. Gates buildings,	4 70
27.	Paid I. S. Balcome, appraiser,	6 00
	Brigham Morse, appraiser,	6 00
	W. H. Emerson, appraiser,	1 00
	Agent for services and expenses.	75 00
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		\$1,877 00

Notes due the Town March 1, 1897.

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Prin.
Aaron Aldrich,		\$91 50	\$500 00
Joseph F. Arnold,	A. L. Putnam,	62 00	400 00
Rufus P. Johnson,		238 27	400 00
Simon P. Rawson,	Zilphia M. Rawson,	30 75	500 00
Rebecca Morse,		30 00	500 00
John Vallier,		18 40	300 00
Alvin H. Brown,	A. F. Brown,	50 00	500 00
Adolphus F. Brown,		68 00	500 00

Thomas Wixted,	Lizzie Wixted,	\$2 83	\$200 00
O. N. Thurber,	Eliza Williams,	69 30	300 00
Ira T. Robbins,	F. C. McCormick,	10 50	150 00
James McCormick,	John H. Gough,	70 50	300 00
Joel Glover,	Sarah Dufoe,	2 93	200 00
Phoebe Young,	W. F. Young,	35 67	500 00
Amos A. Humes,	Nancy Nole,	40 83	350 00
Margaret Stearns,	Betsey Emerson,	16 50	300 00
Mary J. Willis,		18 17	500 00
Louisa Jarvis,		14 64	100 00
M. Roberts,	Alex Ritchie,	3 40	87 66
Mitchel Auger,		33 45	300 00
Mary J. Murphy,		13 31	330 00
Allen Buxton,		5 60	100 00
Russell M. Peters,		38 00	250 00
Joanna Rawson,	C. F. Rawson,	9 30	200 00
J. & M. Rivers,	R. T. Lesperance,	38 75	400 00
Amos G. Yates,	Ins. paid 4.70, int. 30.93,	35 63	400 00
Vashti H. Balcome,	Wellington Balcome,	3 63	125 00
Potter M. Bates,	John C. F. Bates,	3 37	150 00
Charles H. Hilton,		12 40	200 00
Margaret F. Brown,		11 33	200 00
Joseph Labeau,	Augustus Willett,	11 00	400 00
Frank Duval,		9 20	300 00
Louis Terrier,		5 00	400 00
Sarah H. Paine,		12 50	200 00
Salina Casey,		33 00	500 00
Susan V. Thayer,		25 42	500 00
Daniel S. Buxton,	Nancy Anderson,	11 00	200 00
George Roberts,		8 00	150 00
John D. Darling,		15 00	300 00
Charles S. Caswell,		25 00	500 00
Harriet C. Caswell,		10 00	200 00
Mary M. Gough,		16 33	100 00
E. M. Southwick,	G. M. Bridge,	47 50	500 00
Emma J. Brown,		4 12	150 00
Albert Whipple,		15 10	200 00
Eva Maxim,		1 40	100 00
Peter Jarvis,		14 10	150 00
Mary E. Keith,		1 25	500 00
Mary A. Reynolds		13 75	250 00
Joseph Bassett,		26 25	500 00
Herbert L. Sherman,		25 92	500 00
James Wixted,		7 75	100 00

Fred R. Caswell,	\$23 00	\$200 00
Frank E. Wellman,	10 17	200 00
Anson Ingraham,	23 33	500 00
George E. Barnes,	16 27	450 00
Willard Whipple,	14 40	450 00
Mary A. Reynolds,	2 30	100 00
Preserved Alger,	2 06	100 00
Oscar C. Rawson, Louisa M. Dore,	13 16	200 00
Ezekiel T. Thayer,	22 67	400 00
Bertrand F. Aldrich,	26 66	500 00
Lucius S. Whipple,	10 17	500 00
Frank Duval,	83	125 00
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	\$1,582 57	\$19,717 66

Recapitulation.

Notes due the town March 1, 1897,	\$19,717 66
Accured interest,	1,582 57
Cash in hands of Agent,	1,819 07
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Value of Devise March 1, 1897,	\$23,119 30
Value of Devise March 1, 1896,	22,252 62
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Net gain for the year,	\$866 68

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWIN MOORE, Agent.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Free Public Library.

Report of Treasurer.

		DR.
1896.		
Mar. 1.	To cash in town treasury,	\$299 55
July 7.	rec'd fines and catalogues,	1 75
Sept. 1.	finer and catalogues,	1 08
Dec. 3.	library entertainment,	37 20
	finer and catalogues,	1 73
1897.		
June 16.	finer and catalogues,	1 78
Feb. 28.	finer and catalogues,	1 52
	dog fund,	307 99
		<hr/> \$652 60

		CR.
1896.		
July 7.	By paid Mrs A. L. Buffington,	\$20 00
	three month's rent,	25 00
Sept. 1.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington,	20 00
	three month's rent,	25 00
	for books,	193 89
	freight and express,	1 30
	1000 by laws,	3 00
	addendas,	4 00
Dec. 3.	Miss Grace Smith,	20 00
	numbering and cataloging,	1 91

1897.

Jan. 16.	By paid Miss Grace Smith,	\$11 62
	lamp chimney, etc.,	20
	cleaning stove and pipe,	75
	getting in wood,	25
Feb. 28.	Miss Alice Luther,	8 38
	oil,	2 86
	new shelves,	9 00
	wood,	1 50
	clock and express,	2 90
	six month's rent,	50 00
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		\$401 56
	Cash in town treasury,	251 04
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		\$652 60

C. J. BATCHELLER, Treasurer.

Report of Librarian.

Whole number of books in library,	3,023
Number added during year,	218
Number issued during year,	9,521
Average number issued on Wednesday,	120+
Average number issued on Saturday evening,	81+

Amount of fines for year,	\$ 9 26
Balance of fines March 1, 1896,	20 54— 29 80

Amount collected for fines,	7 29
Amount collected for catalogues,	65

Paid to treasurer,	\$7 94
Amount collected for fines,	7 29

Balance due March 1, 1897,	\$22 51
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MISS ALICE LUTHER, Librarian.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births.

Whole number,		56
males,	23	
females,	33—	56
foreign parentage,	21	
mixed parentage,	17	
American parentage,	18—	56

Marriages.

Whole number,		29
Foreign birth,	34	
American birth,	24—	58
Residents in Douglas,	31	
Residents elsewhere,	27—	58
First marriage,	49	
Second marriage,	8	
Third marriage,	1—	58

Deaths.

Whole number,		47
males,	28	
females,	19—	47
foreign birth,	13	
American birth,	34—	47

Number under 1 year,		8	
between 1 and 5,		4	
5 10,		0	
10 20,		3	
20 30,		4	
30 40,		3	
40 50,		4	
50 60,		2	
60 70,		8	
70 80,		5	
80 90,		6—	47

Dogs Registered.

Whole number,			163
Males,	151 @ \$2.00	\$302 00	
Females,	12 @ 5.00	60 00—	\$362 00

C. H. BACHELER, Town Clerk.

Annual Reports

OF THE

School Committee,

OF THE

Town of Douglas,

FOR YEAR ENDING

March 1, 1897.



PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1897.

School Committee.

Stillman Russell,	Term expires March 1, 1897
H. O. Lamson,	1897
W. E. Carpenter,	1897
W. W. Brown,	1898
C. J. Batcheller,	1898
M. M. Luther,	1898
S. F. Root,	1899
V. T. Esten,	1899
W. H. Emerson,	1899

The above Committee met March 1896, and organized as follows:

President,—S. Russell.

Clerk,—W. H. Emerson.

Superintending Committee, { S. Russell,
S. F. Root,
W. W. Brown,

Purchasing Agent,—S. Russell,

Truant Officer,—F. F. Young,

Teachers for 1896-7.

F. J. Libby,	Bertha C. Stockwell,
Ada E. McMahon,	Etta H. Johnson,
Lilia C. Stilphen,	K. Lena Wixtead,
Lillian G. Lincoln,	Edith M. Abbott,
Bessie M. Batcheller,	Alice Pennell,
Euna L. Buffington,	Laura E. Brown,
Maud Barry,	Viola Bridges,
Geo. F. Stoddard,	Mary G. Lawlor,

Statistics.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1896, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	438
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,	392
Average membership,	341
Per centage of attendance to membership,	90 $\frac{2}{3}$
Average daily attendance in all the schools,	309
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,	2
over 15 yrs.	39
between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	270
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	114 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year,	9
Number of female teachers,	13
male teachers,	3
Average wages paid female teachers,	\$33 50
male teachers,	90 00

Appropriations.

Appropriations for public schools by the town, March 1, 1896,	\$4,400 00
Repairs of school houses,	200 00
School books and supplies,	300 00
State school fund,	316 77
Town school fund, (interest),	56 48
Received for school books,	3 25
Received for tuition from out of town pupils,	15 00
New books on hand,	106 76
Balance unexpended last year,	796 10-\$6,194 36

Expenses of Public Schools.

Teachers' wages for the year,	\$4,635 00
Permanent repairs,	167 02
Truant officer,	15 00
Care of rooms,	162 80
Purchasing agent,	25 00
School books and supplies,	480 25
Fuel,	276 98
Transporting pupils,	73 25
Paid superintending committee,	100 00
Taking school census,	7 00
Printing,	15 00
Balance unexpended,	237 06-\$6,194 36

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teachers, { F. J. Libby, Spring.
Geo. F. Stoddard, Fall and Winter.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	13	11	14
Wages per week,	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$22.50
Whole number of scholars,	19	29	27
Average attendance,	17	27	25

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher,—Lillian G. Lincoln.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$12	\$12	\$12
Whole number of scholars,	37	37	33
Average attendance,	34	34	30

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Teacher,—Maud Barry.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	15	16	14
Average attendance,	14	14	13

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Teachers, { Bertha C. Stockwell, Spring.
Jennie Lawlor, Fall and Winter.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	10	12	8
Average attendance,	8	11	8

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Teacher,—Laura E. Brown.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	29	29	21
Average attendance,	27	25	20

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Teacher,—Bessie M. Batcheller.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	8	8	8
Average attendance,	8	7	7

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Teachers, { Mary G. Lawlor, Spring.
 { Harry L. Stockwell, Fall and Winter.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	9	12	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	18	17	8
Average attendance,	15	12	6

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Teachers, { Viola Bridges, Spring.
 { Bertha C. Stockwell, Fall and Winter.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	13	14	15
Average attendance,	12	13	12

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Teacher,—Alice Pennell.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	9	10	11
Average attendance,	8	8	9

SCHOOL NO. 9.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—Edith M. Abbott.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	23	28	23
Average attendance,	21	27	22

INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher,—Ada E. McMahon.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	45	41	48
Average attendance,	39	37	45

SCHOOL NO. 10.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—Etta Johnson.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	32	21	20
Average attendance,	30	20	18

INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher,—Euna L. Buffington.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	27	40	40
Average attendance,	23	36	34

SCHOOL NO. 11, (Engine Hall.)

Teacher,—K. Lena Wixtead.

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	49	40	36
Average attendance,	41	36	29

Report of the Superintending Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS:

The Superintending Committee hereby submit their annual report upon the condition of the public schools for the year ending March 1, 1897.

While the progress made in our schools during the past year is highly gratifying, it must not be assumed that there has been no failure, or no occasion for criticism. On the other hand, because there has been some cause for criticism, it does not follow that our schools are failures, for that would be an unfair appreciation of the good results accomplished. While our schools compare favorably with other rural schools of the state, yet we should not be content to stop here, but should, instead, make every possible effort to bring our schools up to a higher standard. Efficiency and economy are two essential objects to be kept in view. The available means to secure these ends, are comfortable and convenient school-rooms, supplied with necessary appliances, intelligent teaching, and good supervision.

The length of the school year has been thirty-five weeks, the high school thirty-eight weeks. Owing to the prevalence of measles, near the close of the winter term, the attendance was very poor and the schools in the lower grades were closed one week short of the usual time.

TEACHERS.

Few changes have been made in our corps of teachers the past year, a fact which accounts largely for the good work done. As a rule, they have shown a deep interest in their work, and manifested a desire to find out the best methods to prevent their teaching from degenerating into that dull grind of purely mechanical drill work. It is gratifying to feel that our teachers have not reached that point of self-satisfaction, so fatal to school work; that they are on the alert for better methods in teaching. They have the warmest sympathy and thanks of the committee for the cheerfulness and promptness manifested in their efforts to carry out suggestions.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the commencement of the fall term Mr. George H. Stoddard, A. M., of Milo, Maine, a graduate of Colby University, was elected principal. When we consider the amount of work to be done in this school by one teacher, and the disadvantages under which he has been obliged to labor, his efforts have been crowned with a remarkable degree of success, and he is entitled to the hearty co-operation of the parents, of the pupils, and friends of the school, who appreciate a faithful and efficient teacher.

Efficiency in the study of chemistry and physics depends largely upon practical experiments, which cannot be successfully made unless chemical and philosophical apparatus and appliances are furnished for the school.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

We feel that the time has arrived for the town to build a school house in a central location in East Douglas, furnished with the best heating, ventilating and sanitary arrangements, affording pleasant, healthful and commodious rooms, to accommodate all the children in the eastern section of the town. The schools could then be consolidated, well graded, and better results produced.

The ventilation of many of our school-rooms is sadly defect-

ive. Pupils cannot do good work if they are hived in a hot foul atmosphere. The noxious germs with which the air is filled not only pollute the blood and clog the brain, but also impair the health and weaken the constitution of the pupil.

The town should take immediate action to relieve the overcrowded condition of our school-rooms.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

The experience of the last half century has shown that intellectual education alone does not make upright men and women. It is generally conceded to-day by the best educators that character building is of the first importance; that the one aim of the American home and school should be to make citizens capable of living under a form of self-government, which means self-control on the part of the individual. Children that are prompted to do right, through right motives develop into good citizens, but many that do right through fear of punishment, develop into that class of men and women that fill our prisons and reformatories. This object lesson in real life impresses upon our minds the necessity of training in good citizenship to give them a broader conception of liberty, a loftier vision of duty and a grander appreciation and enjoyment of life. Back of the school stands the greatest factor in character building,—the home. The intellectual and moral surroundings of the first six years of the child's life tend to become firmly fixed in his consciousness; and to remove them is often beyond the power of the most helpful teacher. In the spring-time of life; unconscious of results; the child will implant in muscle, nerve and brain, seeds of habit that will determine largely the harvest of his autumn life. His condition is such that his parents should watch, govern and train his efforts in developing his physical, intellectual and moral resources in action and thought, until he reaches the years of understanding.

ATTENDANCE.

The subject of regular attendance received special attention in our last year's report, and while the school registers show

improvements in several instances, yet the average attendance is not what it should be, and there is no excuse for passing it unnoticed at this time. One of the greatest drawbacks to the efficiency of school work is irregularity of attendance. A child may attend school to-day, but if he was absent yesterday and knows nothing of the lessons of yesterday, he is unprepared for the work of to-day and fails in the recitation. A loss of interest in study follows; he becomes more frequently absent and drifts into habits of negligence and aimlessness which results in an early abandonment of school. Every experience with which a child is brought in contact leaves its impression on him, and he will never recover from the results of improper training.

Truancy and tardiness go hand in hand, the latter tends to develop into the former. Punctuality is a virtue that should be cultivated in the child; the error of tardiness receives its penalty. If parents would reflect upon the evil results arising from habits of irregularity and impress upon the mind and character of their children the importance of rigid devotion to duty by insisting upon their regular, punctual attendance in the schools, the habit thus inculcated would be of untold value to the loved ones committed to their charge. Every day, and all day, work must be required of the pupil if he is to succeed as a scholar. Most of our teachers do what they can to counteract this evil tendency, but the chief cause, thoughtless indifference on the part of parents, cannot be materially affected by their efforts.

TRUANCY.

There have been few cases of habitual truancy during the year. The vigorous efforts of the truant officer, Mr. F. F. Young in assisting the teachers and committee in securing attendance has been appreciated, and to him we wish to express our sympathy and thanks for the promptness with which he has co-operated with us.

In closing we would recommend the following appropriations for the support of schools:—

Schools, \$5,000.00; books and supplies, \$500.00; repairs, \$300.00; transporting pupils, \$75.00.

W. W. BROWN,	} Superintending	
S. F. ROOT,		} Committee.
STILLMAN RUSSELL,		



